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**A. Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following immediately after the title of the invention:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/NL02/00472, filed July 15, 2002, the contents of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 1, line 1, and after the Cross Reference to Related Applications, as follows:

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 1, line 5, as follows:

**BACKGROUND**

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 1, line 19, as follows:

**OBJECT OF THE INVENTION**

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 1, line 24, as follows:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 19, as follows:

The present invention achieves this object by a system ~~according to claim 1, wherein multiple sample receiving bores are provided in a common sample holding body~~ for the preparation and handling of multiple solid-state samples, in particular for spectroscopic and microscopic analysis. This system comprises a sample holder assembly for multiple solid-state samples.

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Please add new paragraphs immediately prior to the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27, as follows:

The sample holder assembly comprises a sample holding body having first and second sides, provided with multiple sample receiving open-ended bores extending through said body between said first and second sides, each bore having a first opening at the first side and a second opening at the second side.

A closure body is provided and is adapted to be mounted against the second side of the sample holding body, said closure body having a closure side adapted to rest against the second side of the sample holding body for closing off the second openings of the bores in said sample holding body.

The system further comprises compacting means for compacting samples filled in bores of the sample holding body as these bores are closed off on the second side by the closure body.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, as follows:

The invention further relates to a sample holding assembly.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, as follows:

The present invention also relates to the use of a sample holder assembly as described in a spectroscopic or microscopic analyser.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 3, line 9, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

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Please amend the section description for the claims on the top of page 10, as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: ~~CLAIMS~~